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1. Q. What tanks are used in the Soviet Army?
A. The T-34 medium tank and the JS-3 heavy tank.
2. Q. What are the weight and primary armaments of the T-34 and the JS-3?
A. The T-34 weighs 70 tons and carries an 85-mm gun. The JS-3 carries a 122-mm gun. I was not a tankman and consequently cannot provide technical details.
3. Q. What SP guns are used in the Soviet Army?
A. The SU-100 and the JSU-150, but I do not know their characteristics.
4. Q. What is the designation of the new medium tank?
A. I have not heard of a new medium tank.
5. Q. What armored cars are used in the Soviet Army?
A. BA-64 armored cars and American half-tracks.
6. Q. Do you know of the new "armored transporter"?
A. No, I do not.
7. Q. How many members comprise the crew of the JS-3?
A. Seven: platoon CO (No always present), mechanic-driver, gunner, assistant gunner, radio operator, machine gunner, and loader.
8. Q. What complaints have you heard of the JS-3?
A. I have heard that the JS-3 is not very maneuverable, but the T-34 is excellent in this respect. Also, the JS-3 has been known to be too heavy for some bridges.

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9. Q. Are light tanks being used in the Soviet Army?
- A. Light tanks are used in armies of Poland, Mongolia and other Soviet Satellites but not in the Soviet Army.
10. Q. Where is the BA-64 armored car being manufactured?
- A. The BA-64 is not being manufactured any more and I don't know where other armored cars are being manufactured. The components are made in several different plants and sent to an assembly plant for completion.
11. Q. Where do Soviet Army units in Germany pick up new or replacement tanks? Do they send crews back to the USSR for them or do they receive them from a depot in Germany?
- A. Tanks are received on authority of the GUBTMV (Main Directorate of Armored and Mechanized Forces) in Moscow. I hardly think they go to the Urals for them but they could and maybe they do. My unit and others get their tanks direct from established tank plants in Germany. The tanks are not only overhauled there but also complete tanks are made in these plants including all components. These vehicles are reparations.
12. Q. What is the meaning of the symbols stamped into tanks.
- A. There is a military sect assigned to every plant that inspects the finished vehicle for quality and appearance and then stamps a symbol on different parts of the tank. This unit is known as OTK (Technical Control Section).
13. Q. Are there any numbers on the turrets of the tanks?
- A. There is a large number painted in white paint that is used as a battle identification number for the tank.
14. Q. Have you ever seen evidence in the USSR of tanks being used for other than their primary purpose such as farming or personnel carriers?
- A. Definitely no. I have never seen such a thing nor can I imagine the Army releasing a tank for such purposes. The armor doesn't wear out, nor the suspension and other items so they are just repaired and continue to be used as tanks but certainly not for farming or transportation of personnel.
15. Q. Are there any plants in the USSR making tanks at present?
- A. Yes, there are many in the Urals but I don't know where.
16. Q. Where are small arms made in the USSR?
- A. I don't know any specific places. Of course everyone knows of the Tula Armament Combine.
17. Q. Are there any orders out to your units in Germany or are there any measures now in effect for the conservation of scrap or other items?
- A. Yes, there is a very strict order for the collection of scrap metals and I have participated in several collections where we picked up a few tank turrets and other things and put them on railroad flat cars to be transported out of the area. The order is strictly enforced.
18. Q. In training areas are all of the tanks in the unit used?
- A. No, most of them are put in a park. They are placed on boards, gassed, filled with ammunition, oiled and are ready for action. They are then covered with a tarp. Six tanks only are used for training.

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19. Q. How high are they placed off the ground?
- A. There is no height to them. They are simply run up on boards.
20. Q. Are tanks in the park used on maneuvers?
- A. Not all of them. Usually the six training tanks and maybe five others from the park are used on the maneuvers. The rest of the tanks are shipped around on railroad flat cars.
21. Q. What does the tank logbook contain?
- A. The tank logbook or technical passport contains the complete history of the tank from point of origin.
22. Q. Where is tank logbook kept?
- A. The logbook is maintained in the same location as the tank to which it refers but is physically stored in a secret section of the regiment to which the tank is assigned.
23. Q. Is the 85-mm tank gun basically the same gun as the 85-mm divisional gun?
- A. Yes.
24. Q. Have you seen or heard of an antiaircraft gun larger than 85-mm? If so, where?
- A. They have larger ones around Moscow but not in the field with troops. I do not know the exact size of these guns but they were used in the latter part of World War II.
25. Q. Have any improvements or modifications been made on the Katyuskas or field rocket launchers since the war?
- A. No.
26. Q. Has any new type of ammunition for artillery or rockets been issued since World War II?
- A. The only new development is shaped-charge ammunition for use against tanks.
27. Q. Have you seen or heard of any new developments or weapons since the war in the artillery field?
- A. No.
28. Q. Have you seen a submachine gun with a folding stock used in the Soviet Army?
- A. No.
29. Q. What do you know about the automatic rifle-carbine called SAMOZARYADNI KARABIN SIMONOVA M1944?
- A. This is actually a shortened rifle. It was taken out of service because of some difficulties and was replaced by the SBT (Tokarev) which was also taken out of service because of some trouble with it.
30. Q. Have you ever seen or heard of rocket-type or bazooka or panzerfaust-type antitank weapons for infantry use?
- A. No such weapons are in use.

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31. Q. Does the term SPG-82 mean anything to you?
- A. Not a thing; I never heard of it.
32. Q. Have you ever seen a 160-mm mortar?
- A. Yes. One of the outfits in my regiment had them.
33. Q. How are these mortars loaded and fired?
- A. The ammunition is wheeled up on a two-wheel cart and a man lifts it up and drops it in the tube.
34. Q. Have you ever actually seen this being done?
- A. No, but I assume that such a method was used.

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